**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
**SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA**
**REGULAR MEETING**

**JUNE 15, 2004**

**INVOCATION**
Rev. Mary Goshert from St. Peter's Episcopal Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
Councilmember Mariscal led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**
**MEMBERS PRESENT**
Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino.

**ALSO PRESENT**
City Manager Ness, Assistant City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Montandon, Director of Administrative Services Cox, Director of Community Development Lindsey, Police Chief Macagni, Recreation and Parks Director Posada, City Engineer Sweet, City Librarian Pinneli, Fire Chief Ortiz, Utilities Manager Chisam, Senior Deputy City Attorney Stockton, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez.

**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**
Councilmember Patino presented a gift to Lana Thomas, the Recreation and Parks Volunteer of the Month for June 2004, for her commitment and dedication to the Northern Santa Barbara County Special Olympics.

**CITY ATTORNEY RECOGNITION**
Mayor Lavagnino read a proclamation commending Arther Montandon for his many years of service to the City of Santa Maria as City Attorney. He presented the proclamation to Mr. Montandon and wished him much success in his new endeavors.

City Attorney Montandon thanked the City Council, previous Councils, his staff, the City Manager, and Departments Heads (past and present).

City Manager Ness stated Mr. Montandon has masterfully guided the City through a variety of legal issues over the years and commended his ability to stay focused and get to the heart of any matter. He is a true professional, a proactive leader, innovative, customer service oriented, politically savvy, a team player, honest, committed, dedicated, a true gentleman, and a critical member of the management team.

Mayor Lavagnino called a ten minute recess at 6:50 p.m. for cake and punch in Mr. Montandon's honor.

Mayor Lavagnino reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**
Councilmember Mariscal requested Items 2F and 2N be pulled for discussion.

Mayor Lavagnino announced that he had requests to pull Items C, F, I, J, and K.

Item 2C – General Municipal Election Resolutions
Ernest Armenta asked about consolidating the City's election with the State-wide General Election and if that meant that the City election for members of the City Council would only be held every four years.

Mayor Lavagnino explained that State-wide General Elections were held every two years as were the City's election. Councilmembers terms were staggered so that two Councilmembers were elected each two-year cycle, and the Mayor was elected every four years.

Item 2F – Appointment of Interim City Attorney
Ernest Armenta stated he believed the City should promote City employees when a management position became available. He supported the appointment of Senior Deputy City Attorney Stockton and encouraged her to apply for the City Attorney position.

Item 2I – Setting Appropriation Limit
Mr. Armenta asked for clarification on Proposition 4.

Director of Administrative Services Cox explained that Proposition 4, which was approved by the voters in 1979, requires each local government to establish, by resolution, an annual appropriation limit based on a specific formula. If the City collects more taxes than the appropriate limit allows, the City would have to return the excess to the taxpayers within two years. The City's actual appropriations are 43.3 percent of the appropriation limit.

Item 2J – Resolution denying appeal by Yellow Cab Company
Anthony Romero requested the City Council reconsider its action to uphold the Director of Administrative Services' decision to deny the application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Yellow Cab Company. He reviewed the findings for denial and discussed his objections to the findings.

Item 2K – Suspension of the Annual Rate Increases for Solid Waste
Mayor Lavagnino announced that the five percent rate increases for both the landfill and solid waste collection were being suspended for 2004-05.

Ernest Armenta stated he wanted all the rate payers to know that the City Council was going to raise the solid waste collection rates in January. He said he thought all the revenues from methane gas sales at the landfill should be used to off-set any rate increases to the rate payers.

City Manager Ness explained that the rate increase for solid waste collection that would have gone into effect in January of 2005 was being suspended, and there would be no rate increase for next fiscal year.

Item 2N – Speed Limit on Blosser Road
City Manager Ness explained that both the agenda and the first page of the Staff Report indicated that the ordinance was establishing a 45 mph speed limit on Blosser Road between Donovan Road on the south to the end of Donovan Road on the north, and should read to the end of Blosser Road on the north.

Consent Calendar Items A through Q, were accepted, approved with the indicated action, and ordered ratified on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

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| AYES: | Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino |
| NOES: | None |
| ABSENT: | None |
| ABSTAIN: | None |

**A. ORDINANCES**
Recommendation of City Staff to waive the reading in full of all ordinances. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicates otherwise.

**B. MINUTES**
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 1, 2004, were approved as submitted.

**C. MUNICIPAL ELECTION**
Resolution No. 2004-95 was adopted calling and giving notice of the holding of the General Municipal Election.

Resolution No. 2004-95 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS A QUESTION RELATING TO SAFE DRINKING WATER.

Resolution No. 2004-96 was adopted requesting the County Board of Supervisors consolidate the General Municipal Election with the State-wide General Election on November 2, 2004.

Resolution No. 2004-96 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004 WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO §10404 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE.

Resolution No. 2004-97 was adopted establishing regulations for candidates for elective office pertaining to candidate's statements of qualifications.

Resolution No. 2004-97 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004.

Resolution No. 2004-98 was adopted setting priorities for filing written arguments regarding a City measure and directing the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis.

Resolution No. 2004-98 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, SETTING PRIORITIES FOR FILING WRITTEN ARGUMENTS REGARDING A CITY MEASURE AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS.

Resolution No. 2004-99 was adopted providing for the filing of rebuttal arguments for a City measure.

Resolution No. 2004-99 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF REBUTTAL ARGUMENTS FOR CITY MEASURES SUBMITTED AT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

**D. CITY-WIDE DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Resolution No. 2004-100 was adopted approving revisions to the City-wide document Management Program and Records Retention Schedule.

Resolution No. 2004-100 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE CITY-WIDE DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE.

**E. BONDS**

Council accepted as complete the public improvements and authorized the release of a Faithful Performance Bond regarding Cherrywood Estates, Tract 5809, in the amount of $50,000 for the construction and installation of public improvements with the order that the Contractor, Labor and Material Bond in the amount of $959,175 be held until December 2004, and the Guarantee and Defective Material Bond in the amount of $191,835 be held until June 2005.

**F. INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY**
Resolution No. 2004-101 was adopted appointing Senior Deputy City Attorney Wendy Stockton as Interim City Attorney.

Resolution No. 2004-101 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING AN INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY.

**G. WARRANTS**
Warrant Nos. 113022 to 113266 in the amount of $7,235,809.18 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 108330, 112623, 112660, 112900, 112971, 112736, and 112839 were cancelled.

**H. PAYROLL**
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads as shown on records on file in the Administrative Services Department and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

**I. APPROPRIATION LIMIT**
Resolution No. 2004-102 was adopted setting an appropriation limit for Fiscal Year July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005, in compliance with Proposition 4, Senate Bill 1352, and Proposition 111.

Resolution No. 2004-102 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, SETTING AN APPROPRIATION LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2005.

**J. YELLOW CAB COMPANY APPEAL**
Resolution No. 2004-103 was adopted upholding a decision made by the Director of Administrative Services to deny a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Yellow Cab Company and denying the appeal as directed by the City Council on June 1, 2004.

Resolution No. 2004-103 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, TO UPHOLD THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES' DECISION OF DENIAL TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO YELLOW CAB COMPANY.

**K. SUSPENSION OF RATE INCREASES**
Resolution No. 2004-104 was adopted approving the suspension of the five percent rate increase for landfill rates effective July 2004 and the suspension of the five percent rate increase for solid waste collection rates (residential and commercial) effective January 2005.

Resolution No. 2004-104 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SUSPENSION OF ANNUAL RATE INCREASES FOR THE LANDFILL AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION.

**L. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE**
Council noted and filed a Notice from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control of an application for an Alcoholic Beverage License in an existing warehouse for Hearthstone Winery located at 2717 Aviation Way (Central Coast Wine Warehouse).

**M. NO STOPPING ZONE**
Resolution No. 2004-105 was adopted approving the establishment of a no stopping zone on Carlotti Drive along the easterly curb, beginning four hundred thirty-seven (437) feet south of the southerly right-of-way of Noble Way, then commencing south for twenty (20) feet.

Resolution No. 2004-105 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NO STOPPING ZONE ON

NORTH CARLOTTI DRIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.16 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

**N. SPEED LIMIT**
Ordinance No. 2004-07 was introduced and continued to the next meeting for second reading and adoption establishing a forty-five (45) miles per hour speed limit on Blosser Road between Donovan Road on the south to the end of Blosser Road on the north.

Ordinance No. 2004-07 introduced. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 7-4, SPEED LIMITS, OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

**O. CALL FOR BIDS**
Approval was granted to call for bids on the plans and specifications for Street Maintenance (Chip Seal) – 2004, Bid No. 2004-14.

**P. ANNEX AND ASSESS PARCELS**
Resolution No. 2004-106 was adopted annexing and assessing Ben Payne Auto Sales into the Northeast Landscape Maintenance District.

Resolution No. 2004-106 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ANNEXING AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE FEES TO BEN PAYNE AUTO SALES LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT (STREET AND HIGHWAYS CODE SECTION 22500, ET. SEQ.)

Resolution No. 2004-107 was adopted annexing and assessing Sprint PCS Wireless/Hertz Rental and Rose Garden Village into the Southwest Landscape Maintenance District.

Resolution No. 2004-107 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ANNEXING AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE FEES TO SPRINT PCS WIRELESS/HERTZ RENTAL AND ROSE GARDEN VILLAGE LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT (STREET AND HIGHWAYS CODE SECTION 22500, ET. SEQ.).

**Q. ACCEPTING CAPITAL EQUIPMENT**
Resolution No. 2004-108 was adopted accepting capital equipment in the form of four surplus modular classroom units from the Santa Maria-Bonita School District.

Resolution No. 2004-108 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FROM THE SANTA MARIA-BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**
Roberto Carbajal spoke regarding Faradic Aversion Therapy for treatment of drug and alcohol abuse.

Ernest Armenta spoke regarding decorum and commended City Attorney Montandon.

James Watson spoke against fluoridation.

Ariana Cadeno and Didiana Ramirez, Santa Maria High School Tobacco and Alcohol Reduction Group, spoke regarding surveys conducted of business leaders and community members regarding tobacco and alcohol sponsorship and sampling at family events.

Sister Janet Corcoran spoke about senior Medicare drug discount cards and the need to do more for seniors regarding prescription drugs, as well as the Santa Barbara County Food Bank's fund drive for their new facility.

**2004-2006 BUDGET**

City Manager Ness commended Assistant City Manager Haydon, Director of Administrative Services Cox, and Accounting Manager Harvey for their hard work in developing the proposed budget. He presented a brief overview of the budget. The goals for the 2004-06 budget period are to maintain service levels, finance the operational costs associated with providing additional public safety services, address critical capital projects, and be poised to respond appropriately to potential raids from the State on local government revenues.

The U.S. economy is in recovery and the future appears favorable, according to virtually all recent economic data releases. The California economy is stronger than two years ago but increasing costs to businesses, spiraling housing costs and the multibillion-dollar State budget deficit continue to be problems. In Santa Barbara County, most of the growth is in the North County, specifically Santa Maria, which leads the region in population and sales tax growth. Also, the November ballot could be packed with State and local financing measures that could have direct bearing on the fiscal health of the City.

The proposed budget for all funds for 2004-05 is $99.1 million. This represents a 1.3 percent decrease, or $1.3 million less, when compared to the 2003-04 adopted budget. Recommended appropriations for the General Fund for 2004-05 are $41.6 million. This represents a 6.4 percent, or a $2.5 million increase from the 2003-04 general fund budget. The majority of the proposed increase is due to increases in staffing public safety departments and escalating retirement system cost increases associated with the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS).

Operating programs are proposed to increase by approximately $4.3 million. This increase is reflective of wage and benefit enhancements as negotiated by bargaining groups and approved by Council, increased staffing in departments that provide either mission critical (public safety) services or vital services that need to maintain existing service levels, as well as the previously mentioned escalating retirement system cost increases.

Proposed staffing increases, in both the Police and Fire Departments, represent the most significant personnel changes over the next two-year period in the General Fund. The Police Department is to increase its complement of dispatchers by three new positions and the Fire Department will increase its fire suppression personnel by three new fire captains. Additionally, a new fire station will become operational in early 2005. Fire Station #4, located within the Bradley Square subdivision in the southeast section of the City, will result in faster response times for emergency fire fighting personnel. In 1994-95 the City had 318 full-time positions. In the 2004-05 budget, 416 positions are proposed. This is an increase of only 98 positions in ten years with most of those new positions in public safety. This provides a staffing ratio of only 4.87 employees per 1,000 population compared to 8.67 employees per 1,000 population in other local cities.

One policy issue for the Council's consideration is economic development services. For many years the City has contracted with the Santa Maria Valley Economic Development Association (EDA) for economic development activities, including business promotion, attraction and retention. The City annually provides eight and one-half percent of City bed tax revenue to the EDA for such services. During the 1996-98 budget hearings, the Council considered a proposal to consolidate funding for economic development activities between the EDA and the Chamber of Commerce. The Council determined that the timing was not appropriate to consolidate. However, with the recent departure of the EDA Executive Director, in combination with continuing State budget deficits that are expected to impact local government's budgets, the proposal to look at the consolidating funding for economic development services has been raised again. The EDA Board met on May 13, 2004, and elected to "study" the proposal to create an alliance with the Chamber of Commerce. It is proposed that the Council provide six months funding to the EDA while the proposal is being reviewed and studied.

Mayor Lavagnino suggested addressing the policy issue separately and taking public comment on that issue. He opened the public hearing regarding the policy issue only.

Bob Engel urged the Council to continue funding the EDA for a full year. The EDA is important to the City. Over the coming year the EDA could work with the City and move forward and create good economic development in the City with the continued funding.

Ernest Armenta suggested staff provide a report on comparing the benefits and costs of continuing to fund the EDA versus the City having its own Economic Development Department.

Herb Gerfen agreed with Mr. Engel's comments. When there are hard times in a community, that is when it is more important to bring in new businesses and new jobs. The EDA would like to be funded for the entire year.

Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing on this item.

Councilmember Mariscal indicated he appreciated the EDA Board's willingness to look at the issue. Funding for the EDA is an annual allocation in the budget. The Council wants more businesses and more jobs in the community. It is encouraging that the EDA is going to establish a Review Advisory Committee for the purposes of reviewing the organization's core policies and priorities.

Councilmember Trujillo stated he wanted to see the Chamber of Commerce and the EDA strengthened. Santa Maria is a growing community that will soon be approaching 100,000 people. These two organizations need to be strengthened, not weakened.

On motion by Councilmember Mariscal, second by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote:

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| AYES: | Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino |
| NOES: | None |
| ABSENT: | None |
| ABSTAIN: | None |

funding was approved as proposed in the budget, and staff was directed to work with the staff of EDA over the next six months to evaluate and make recommendations with respect to the best approach for economic development in the City.

City Manager Ness continued his presentation.

On May 14, 2004, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger unveiled his May Revised Budget. His revised budget assumes $3.6 billion in increased resources (by way of a partnership with local governments providing $1.3 billion for each of the next two years), and cuts to most major areas of State government. His proposed plan is anticipated to negatively impact the City's General Fund by approximately $988,000 in each of the next two years. The Governor negotiated with local government leaders, in return for the Governor's support of a constitutional amendment protecting local government revenues from future State raids. The City proposes to use its Local Economic Augmentation Fund (LEAF) reserve as the primary financing mechanism to address any revenue shortfall the City experiences as a direct result of State budget impacts.

Over the last several years, the City has reorganized the Public Works Department on several occasions in an attempt to maximize operational efficiencies. Specifically, the Utilities Division has been the recipient of a number of organizational changes in order to adapt to pressing industry-related issues regarding regulations, economic forces and customer demands. Because of unique industry demands placed upon water, sewer and solid waste services, the Utilities Division has developed into an organization with specialized needs for maintenance, regulatory control and comprehensive customer service deliverables. With existing utility enterprises being expanded and the potential for new utility enterprises on the near horizon, staff is proposing that the Utilities Division be established as a separate department – no longer affiliated as a division of the Public Works Department. The proposed reorganization would create the Utilities Department and would necessitate the reclassification of six positions to more adequately reflect duties

and responsibilities. No new net full-time positions will be added as a result of the proposed reorganization.

The City will also break ground this summer on the new Library project. The first phase is construction of a two-level parking garage. Groundbreaking for the new Main Library will occur in 2005. This 60,000-square-foot facility will be built next to the existing Library in the downtown Civic Center Complex. Also proposed is a new Fire Station No. 4 to be located in the Bradley Square Subdivision. Three new fire captains will be hired to round out the personnel complement to adequately staff the new fire station.

On September 12, 2005, the City will be celebrating its 100th birthday. To help coordinate events for this milestone, a Centennial Committee has formed and is working on a year of events beginning with a kickoff on September 12, 2004.

Mayor Lavagnino opened the public hearing.

James Watson spoke regarding the City's funding of the mall.

Mayor Lavagnino informed him that the City did not own the mall, that it was the two parking structures that were City property.

William Peterson, Library Board of Trustees, thanked the Council, on behalf of the Board, for its support of the new library.

There being no further comments, Mayor Lavagnino closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Trujillo thanked and commended staff for the work on the budget. He said he would like to see more restrooms in the parks.

Councilmember Orach stated he had been involved with the City during the hard times when the Library hours were reduced and employees had mandatory days off. That was why the reserves were started. City Manager Ness had the foresight to recommend that reserves be built up. A lot of really good things have happened in the City over the last few years such as the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center, Fire Station No. 1, the Police Department Expansion, Edward's Gymnasium, and the new Library. He commended the City Manager and staff.

Councilmember Patino stated this budget has been a challenge. Over half of the budget is public safety, and that is very important. She thanked City Manager Ness and his staff for the budget. Santa Maria must be the envy of a lot of other cities.

Councilmember Mariscal stated staff did a phenomenal job with this budget. The employees of the City of Santa Maria are truly the best, and the City really does more with less. The new Fire Station is very exciting. It is also exciting that the City recently closed escrow on property on Donovan so the Fire Station on Donovan and College could be moved to a larger facility. It is also encouraging that the Council may be looking at a new Fire Station in the northwest portion of the City. The City needs to look over the next few years at ways to make the City's streets safer and reduce traffic accidents. The City also needs to look strongly at committing to building a new police station. The City just completed a major expansion; but with the number of sworn officers, it is time for the City to provide a new state-of-the-art police station. He recognized Director of Community Development Lindsey for his work on the Economic Development Component of the General Plan which won the City an award.

Resolution No. 2004-109 was adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, second by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

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| AYES: | Councilmembers Mariscal, Orach, Patino, Trujillo, and Mayor Lavagnino |
| NOES: | None |
| ABSENT: | None |
| ABSTAIN: | None |

Resolution No. 2004-109 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TWO YEARS 2004-2006 AND DELEGATING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT SAME.

**REPORT BY CITY MANAGER**
City Manager Ness reported on items for the July 6, 2004, City Council meeting including public hearings for the City's annual Landscape Maintenance District Assessments and Williams Feedlot Assessments, a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change for the Homebase property, and appointments to the All-America City Committee, Library Board, and Block Grants Advisory Committee.

**ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS**
Councilmember Mariscal reported on the Elks Rodeo Parade and thanked his wife for allowing him and Councilmember Patino to ride in her car.

Mayor Lavagnino reported on the Downtown Specific Plan meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**
The City Council recessed at 8:50 p.m. to a Closed Session for Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation pursuant to Subsection (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9 to discuss Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria; and Wagener v. City of Santa Maria.

After the Closed Session, the following was announced:

Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria – Status report.

Wagener v. City of Santa Maria – Direction to staff.

**ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, the meeting was declared adjourned at 9:21 p.m. by order of Mayor Lavagnino.

APPROVED July 6, 2004
Date

Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

ATTEST
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Mayor of the City of Santa Maria